

105TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 548

Recognizing that prevention of youth suicide is a compelling national priority.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PACKARD (for himself and Mr. SKAGGS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing that prevention of youth suicide is a compelling national priority.

Whereas youth suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, and it occurs at a national rate of over 5,000 youth suicides annually;

Whereas suicide is the fastest growing cause of death among youths;

Whereas suicide kills youths 3 to 6 times more often than homicide;

Whereas research shows that 95 percent of all youth suicides are preventable;

Whereas research shows that the prevention of youth suicide must be recognized as a national priority;

Whereas community awareness and education will encourage the development of strategies to prevent youth suicide;

Whereas the yellow ribbon is rapidly becoming recognized internationally as the symbol for the awareness and prevention of youth suicide, and it is recognized and used by suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools, churches, youth centers, hospitals, counselors, teachers, parents, and especially youths themselves; and

Whereas September 20–26, 1998, should be recognized as Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes that the need to increase aware-
3 ness about and prevent youth suicide is a compelling
4 national priority; and

5 (2) encourages Americans, communities, and
6 the Nation to work to increase awareness about and
7 prevent youth suicide.

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